THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) IAF procure a wide range of rockets, depending on its needs, from time to time. The details of vendor, contract etc. can only be provided if the specific type of rocket, and the transaction is indicated.

Recruitment in Officers Cadre in IAF

812. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of officers in Indian Air Force and people are not showing interest in joining the services;

(b) if so, steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the recruitments made in the officers cadre during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There is some shortage of officers in the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Sustained publicity efforts are on to attract talented youth to the IAF. Schools and colleges are regularly visited by service officers to generate interest among qualified youth alongwith motivational campaigns. A website is also operational on the internet to provide career information.

(c) In the calendar year 2003, 347 officers have already been commissioned in the IAF and 127 more are likely to be commissioned during December, 2003.

Development schemes for naxalite affected districts

†813. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently prepared any scheme for development of the districts affected by the naxalite movements;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that further allocation of Rs, 2,475 crore has been made for the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the names of the District and the States affected by the naxalite movement alongwith the number of victims affected thereby in each State for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) On the request of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Planning Commission has Included all the 55 naxalite affected districts under the Backward Districts initiative (BDI) Scheme. This scheme provides for an additionaly of Rs. 15 crores per district per year for a period of 3 years (Rs. 45 x 55=Rs. 2475 crores) to enable filling up of critical gaps in the physical and social infrastructure in these districts.

(d) Names of Districts and the State affected by Naxalite violence are as under:

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Warangal, Karimnagar, Adilabad, Khammam, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Mahabubnagar
Bihar	Aurangabad, Gaya, Jehanabad, Rohtas, Nalanda, Patna, Bhojpur and Kaimur
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh, Lohardagga, Palamu, Chatra, Garhwa, Ranchi, Gumla, Simdega, Latehar, Giridih Koderma, Bokaro and Dhanbad
Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat and Dindori
Chhattisgarh	Bastar, Dantewada, Kankar, Kawardha, Rajandgaon, Sarguja and Jashpur
Maharashtra	Gadchiroli, Chahandrapur, Bhandara and Gondia
Orissa	Malkanjgiri, Ganjam, Koraput, Gajapati, Rayagada, Nawrangpur and Mayurbhanj
Uttar Pradesh	Soubhadra, Mirzapur and Chandauli
West Bengal	Bankura, Midnapore and Purulia

State-wise number of victims due to naxalite violence during the last three years is as under:—

State	2001	2002	2003 (upto 31.10.2003)
Andhra Pradesh	180	96	116
Bihar	111	117	102
Jharkhand	200	157	105
Madhya Pradesh	2	3	1
Chhattisgarh	37	55	58
Maharashtra	7	29	25
Orissa	11	11	15
Uttar Pradesh	12	6	8
West Bengal	4	7	1

Status of children staying with their mothers in Jails

814. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the general status of children who stay with their mothers in jails;

(b) whether after certain age they are moved to juvenile homes;

(c) if so, whether placing them in juvenile homes is equivalent to violating their basic rights and human rights, since they would be in the company of criminal teenagers for no fault to theirs;

(d) whether as per Supreme Court's guidelines equal and fair chance in terms of nutrition, health and education is actually being given to such children; and

(e) if so, then to what extent?